Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount sanctioned
	2005-06	
1.	Development of Gopalpur-on-Sea (Distt. Ganjam)	331.43
2.	Develpment of Saksi Gopal (Distt. Puri)	294.04
3.	Development of Taptapani in Distt. Ganjam as Tourist Destination	500.00
4.	Development of Chilka Lake in Distt. Puri and Ganjam as Tourist Destination	389.05
5.	Integrated Development of Tourist Circuit Bhubaneswar-Dhauli-Puri-Konark	720.09
6.	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Khiching, Distt. Mayurbhanj	50.00
7.	Shreekshetra Festival at Puri	15.00
8.	Puri Beach Festival, 2005	4.00
9.	Konark Festival, 2005	3.00
10.	Rajrani Festival, 2005 at Bhubaneswar	3.00
	TOTAL	2309.61

Foreign Tourists in Tamil Nadu

2700. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign tourists visited the State of Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years, the figures for the whole of India along with the percentage;

(b) whether Government propose to launch any special scheme for the development of tourism in the State of Tamil Nadu in view of its vast potential to attract foreign tourists towards its natural/historical/religious places; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) A foreign tourist after arriving in India may visit more than one State. As such, data

on State-wise visits of foreign tourists is maintained by the State/UT Governments. The number of foreign tourist visits and percentage share of Tamil Nadu in total foreign tourist visits to all States during 2003, 2004 and 2005 is as follows:—

Sl. No.	Year	Foreign tourist visits to Tamil Nadu	Foreign tourist visits to all States of India	Percentage share of Tamil Nadu
1.	2003	901504	6708479	13.4
2.	2004	1058012	8296983	12.8
3.	2005*	1179316	9934184	11.9

*Provisional

(b) and (c) Ministry of Tourism provides funds on the basis of projects prioritized every year in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territories. From the 10th Five Year Plan, Ministry of Tourism has been providing funds for the following schemes:

(i) Tourist Circuits

(ii) Product Infrastructure & Destination Development

(iii) Large Revenue Generating projects

(iv) Fairs and Festivals including Events

Project proposals received, complete in all respects, are appraised on *inter-se*-priority basis and funds released, subject to availability under the respective heads.

During the last three years Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the following amounts for development of tourism infrastructure to attract both foreign and domestic tourists towards natural/historical/religious tourist places in the State of Tamil Nadu.

Sl.No.	Year	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakh)
1.	2003-04	2,197.88
2.	2004-05	1,308.92
3.	2005-06	4,264.62

Moreover, Ministry of Tourism promotes the places of tourist interests/ spots in the country including the State of Tamil Nadu through its 20

India tourism offices located in India and 13 overseas, as also in the electronic, print and online media through the "Incredible India" campaign.

Celebration of Sindhu Darshan Mahotsav

2701. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided to celebrate the Sindhu Darshan Mahotsav this year (2006);

(b) if so, what amount was allotted for the Mahotsav;

(c) whether Government had given sufficient publicity to ensure public participation; and

(d) the number of tourists visited the Mahotsava site?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An amount of Rs. 25.00 lakh was sanctioned for celebration of the Mahotsav during the current year.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) 29253 tourists have visited Ladakh during the current year up to July 2006.

Establishment of new hotel management institutions

†2702. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry would develop 15 tourist places and circuits as integrated areas for promotion of tourism industry during the year 2006-07;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry also proposes to establish four new hotel management institutions in four States in the country;

(c) if so, the places of Bihar included in such 15 tourist places; and

(d) the reasons for not considering Bihar for the establishment of four new hotel management institutions?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.